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Threat Meeting with DCI

Kampuchea:

- The upcoming dry season offensive will be more heated than past years. Vietnam, through direct Soviet deliveries and resupply from Vietnamese Military Regions 7 and 9, has more than doubled the number of tanks and APCs in Kampuchea. [REDACTED] 25X1
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60-70 more; plus at least 14 APCs. The Vietnamese are sending an unknown number of APC by river from Southern Vietnam to Kampuchea.)
- Though the level of fighting along the Thai-Kampuchean border probably will increase during the dry season we do not expect the increased armor to cross the border but rather to increase fire power in support of infantry operations against insurgent base camps.
- Throughout the current wet season, Vietnam has maintained combat pressure on the insurgents near the border, preventing them from undertaking operations near the Tonle Sap as they did during the previous wet season.

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-- China continues to build its forces in the contested area of the Sino-Vietnamese border. Elements of eight divisions are now in the Kunming area. Opposite this force are two Vietnamese divisions. Over all, along the border, Vietnam has about 500,000 ground forces; China has roughly the same number. In 1979 China had a 5 to 1 advantage along the border. To achieve such an advantage now would require most of China's army. A large scale Chinese incursion therefore--a la 1979--is unlikely. Instead, China appears to be preparing to increase pressure along the border to counterbalance Vietnamese actions in Kampuchea.

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Philippines:

-- To handle the Agrava Board report, Marcos has announced a special civilian court to hear the case against the military escorts and General Custodio. This will be a lengthy trial during which Marcos doubtless hopes public interest will flag. Of more

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immediate concern to Marcos is the transit strike and other potentially disruptive reactions to the austerity measures he has had to implement to meet IMF requirements.

- Philippine opposition leaders have expressed displeasure with President Reagan's comments about support for Marcos against a Communist takeover. Their statements that Reagan is discounting them as an alternative to Marcos, however, are targeted against the audience in Manila rather than Washington.

The Koreans:

- No new developments concerning the North's military redeployment.
- Trade and other non-military confidence building measures are moving forward, albeit slowly.

Sino-Soviet:

- Though meetings and plans for higher level meetings continue, the prospect for any significant warming of relations is guarded. Indeed, the economic liberalization program in China has distressed Soviet leaders more than they publicly admit.